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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ORGANIZE AND  
COORDINATE OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
TWELFTH GRADE AND IDENTIFY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
CURRENT AND FUTURE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OUT-OF-SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, approximately seventy-four percent of all children  
2 in Hawaii are raised by working families; and  
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4 WHEREAS, approximately 4,645 children in Hawaii are  
5 homeless and can benefit from a safe, structured out-of-school  
6 environment; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the purpose of out-of-school programs is to  
9 provide quality care and a quality learning experience while  
10 preventing Hawaii's youth from engaging in risky behaviors that  
11 may lead to tobacco, alcohol, or drug use or teen pregnancy and  
12 often result in youth dropping out of school or not being  
13 prepared to enter the workforce; and  
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15 WHEREAS, many out-of-school programs offered by community  
16 organizations are expensive and often inaccessible due to the  
17 high demand for services driven by lack of out-of-school  
18 programming throughout the State; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the second most expensive state for  
21 before and after school child care, with the average annual cost  
22 reaching \$8,900 in 2012; and  
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24 WHEREAS, thirty-nine percent of all Hawaii children who are  
25 not enrolled in an out-of-school program would be likely to  
26 participate in a program if one were available in the community,  
27 regardless of their current child care arrangement; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been recognized by Afterschool Alliance  
30 as one of the top ten states for providing out-of-school  
31 programs; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has set a standard for providing excellent  
2 out-of-school care by decreasing the percentage of children  
3 providing self-care from thirty-three percent in 2009 to  
4 seventeen percent in 2014; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Education established the  
7 successful After-School Plus Program in 1990, implemented a  
8 statewide high school junior varsity and varsity athletics  
9 program for ninth through twelfth graders, piloted two middle  
10 and intermediate school athletics programs at the Nanakuli-  
11 Waianae and Kau-Keeau-Pau Complex Areas, and implemented career  
12 and technical education programs that provide high school  
13 students opportunities to acquire practical skills through the  
14 application of academic understanding and hands-on experience;  
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17 WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to provide its  
18 youth with a variety of educational out-of-school activities  
19 that build character and self-esteem; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2015, that the Department of Education is requested  
24 to work with the Department of Health, Department of Human  
25 Services, University of Hawaii, nonprofit organizations, and  
26 community-based organizations to identify out-of-school programs  
27 offered throughout the State, including programs that are listed  
28 in the Hawaii Community Foundation's "Analysis of the Fiscal  
29 Resources Supporting At-Risk Youth, Ages 13-24, in Hawaii"  
30 (February 2012), organize and coordinate out-of-school programs  
31 for kindergarten through twelfth grade, and identify funding  
32 opportunities for current and future Department of Education  
33 out-of-school programs; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
36 requested to determine the cost of these out-of-school programs  
37 for middle and intermediate schools and the cost of maintaining  
38 out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade;  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
42 requested to identify and acquire funding through federal funds



1 dedicated to disadvantaged communities, grants, revenue-  
2 generating opportunities, and by determining user fees  
3 associated with out-of-school programs; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
6 requested to consider seeking future funding for current and  
7 future out-of-school programs for kindergarten through twelfth  
8 grade through tobacco, cigarette, and alcohol tax increases to  
9 be established as a dedicated funding stream for out-of-school  
10 programs; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that out-of-school programs offered  
13 through the Department of Education be known as Hawaii 3 to 6  
14 programs; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
17 requested to administer Hawaii 3 to 6 programs and to make all  
18 public school campuses eligible to receive funding for Hawaii 3  
19 to 6 programs; provided that in the event of insufficient  
20 funding, priority be given to high poverty elementary, middle,  
21 intermediate, and high schools and programs that meet specified  
22 quality standards; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
26 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Executive  
27 Director of the State Public Charter School Commission, and  
28 Chairperson of the State Public Charter School Commission.  
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